Welcome

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Montana Comprehensive Assessment System

Smarter Practice and Training Tests

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- Introduction to Practice and Training Tests

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Smarter Practice and Training Tests

PRACTICE TEST

Link: http//sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test

- Grades 3-8 and 11
- Includes items and performance tasks for each grade level.
- Accessed through the smarter test portal or Measured Progress portal
- A secure browser is not necessary unless practicing Text-to-Speech(gr 6 & up)
- Approximates the length of the operational test
- Scoring guides and rubrics available on the Smarter Balance website

TRAINING TEST

Link: http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test

▶ Grade Level Clusters: 3-5, 6-8, High School

▶ Shortened assessment for students and test administrators to become familiar with the software and interface functionality of the online tests.

▶ Emphasis on tools and interface

ACCESS

> **NOTE!** The practice test can be opened in the following browsers:

- **Google Chrome**
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 10
- **Apple Safari**
- **Secure Bowser (see Practice and Training Test Guide pgs. 19-20**

- **Accessed through:**
  - **Measured Progress Portal: mtsmarter.measuredprogress.org**

  - **SBAC Portal:** http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/

Practice Test Site

Student Interface Practice and Training Tests

Please Sign In

☑ Guest User

Confirmation Code: GUEST

State-SSID: GUEST
(ex: ST-99999991 23)

☑ Guest Session

Session ID: GUEST Session

Sign In

To log in to the Practice Test, simply select [Sign In], then navigate through the login screens.

Is This You?

Please review the information be

Confirmation Code: **None**

State-SSID: GUEST 0

Grade: 4

School: **GUEST School**

No | Yes

Your Tests

Select a test.

➡ **Start Math Grades 3-5 Training Test** This is opportunity 1 of 99	➡ **Start ELA Grades 3-5 Training Test** This is opportunity 1 of 99
➡ **Start G4 Math Practice Test** This is opportunity 1 of 99	➡ **Start G4 ELA Practice Test** This is opportunity 1 of 99
➡ **Start G4 Math Performance Task** This is opportunity 1 of 99	➡ **Start G4 ELA Performance Task** This is opportunity 1 of 99

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Test Layout

Figure 2. Sample Item Page for a Mathematics Practice Test

Answer Key

http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/resources/#scoring

Grade 4 Math [PDF]

Grade 4 Math Cross-walk [PDF]

Grade 4 Math Braille [PDF]

Grade 4 Math Braille Cross-walk [PDF]

Grade 4 ELA/Braille [PDF]

Grade 4 ELA/Braille Cross-walk [PDF]

Grade 4 Math [PDF]

Grade 4 Math Braille [PDF]

Grade 4 Math Performance Task/Braille Performance Task [PDF]

Grade 4 ELA/Braille [PDF]

Grade 4 ELA Performance Task/Braille Performance Task [PDF]

Using the Practice Tests

Users cannot skip test items. (Users may mark an item for review and return to it later.)

Users must answer all test items on a page before going to the next page. Some pages contain multiple items. Users may need to use the vertical scroll bar to view all items on a page.

Users may mark items for review and use the Questions drop-down list at the top of the page to easily return to those items.

Options for Using the Practice Test

Computer Lab

- One User/One Computer

Classroom

- **Smart Board**
- **Projector**
- **Portable labs**
- **Station Work-classrooms with one or two stations**

Home/Office

- Share link with parents/students/administrators to access at home/office

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Support System

Three levels of support both embedded and non-embedded

- Level 1 – Universal Tools
  - For ALL students

- Level 2-Designated Supports
  - For SOME students

- Level 3 –Accommodations
  - For a FEW students
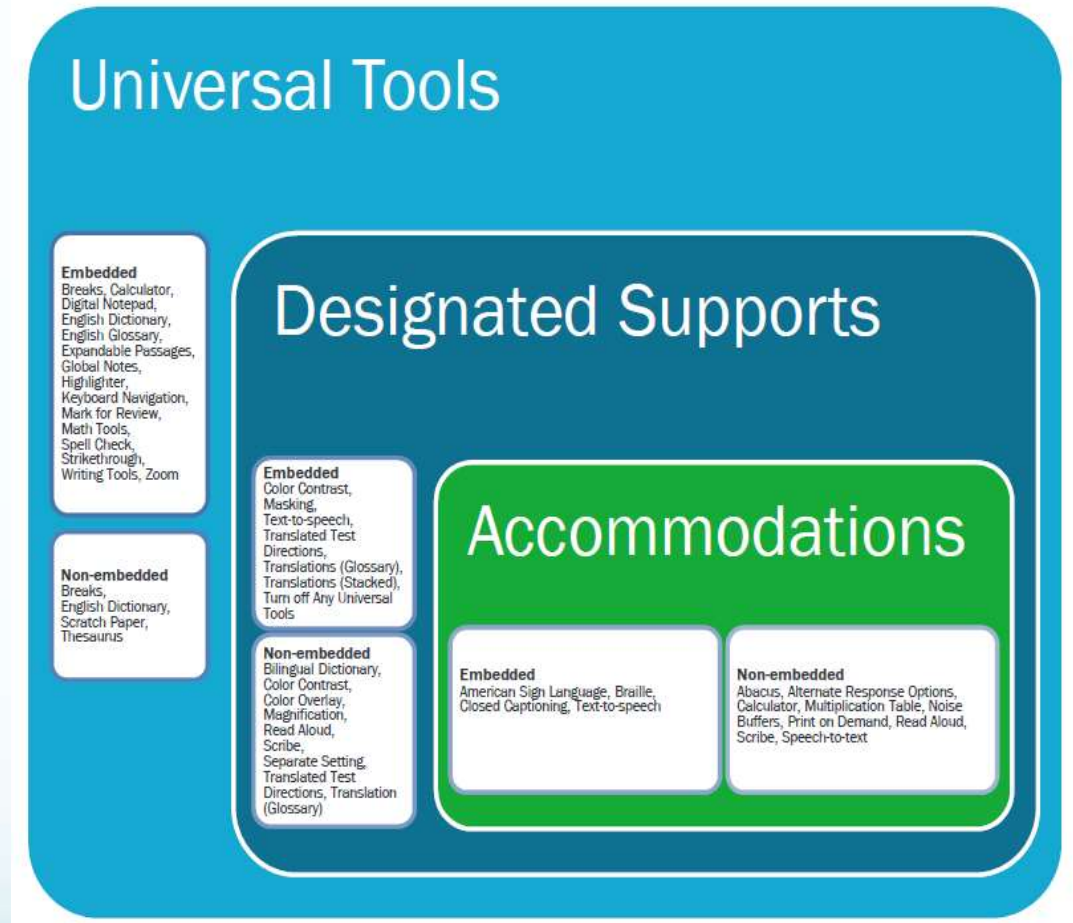
Taken from the *Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium: Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Guidelines* document

Universal Tools

Available for all assessments:

- Highlight
- Zoom
- Mark for review
- Notepad
- Tutorial
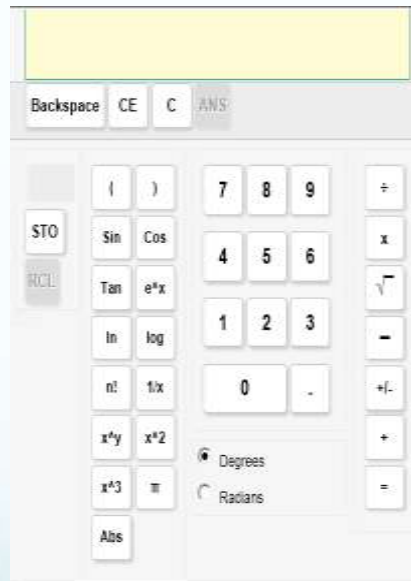- Strikethrough
- Instructions/help screen

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Calculators
Accompany Items

Basic Calculator

Scientific Calculator:

Graphing, Regression, and Scientific Calculators:

Universal Tools

Available to all students

Embedded
Breaks, Calculator, Digital Notepad, English Dictionary, English Glossary, Expandable Passages, Global Notes, Highlighter, Keyboard Navigation, Mark for Review, Math Tools, Spell Check, Strikethrough, Writing Tools, Zoom

Non-embedded
Breaks, English Dictionary, Scratch Paper, Thesaurus
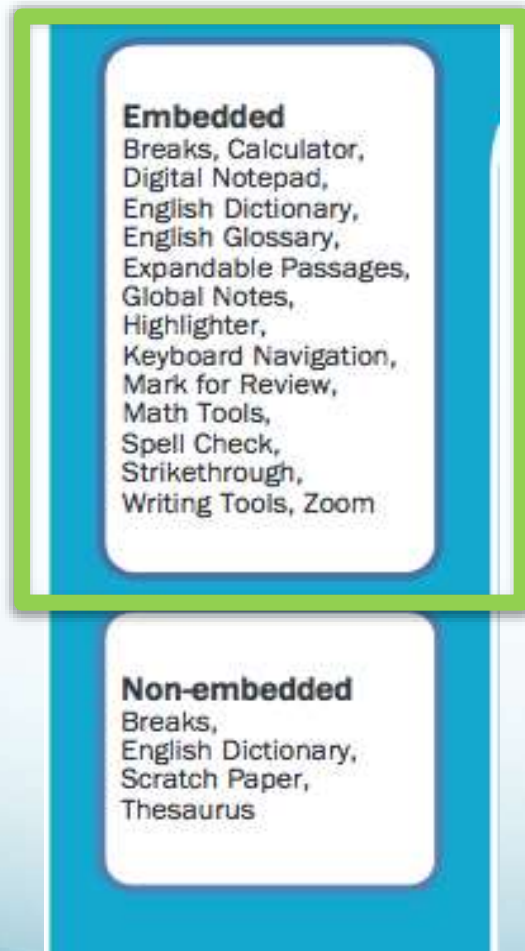
A teacher may determine that the embedded tools need to be turned off within the assessment as they might cause distractions for particular students

Designated Supports

◆ For use by **ANY** student for whom the need has been indicated by a teacher or school team

Embedded
Color Contrast,
Masking,
Text-to-speech,
Translated Test
Directions,
Translations (Glossary),
Translations (Stacked),
Turn off Any Universal
Tools

Non-embedded
Bilingual Dictionary,
Color Contrast,
Color Overlay,
Magnification,
Read Aloud,
Scribe,
Separate Setting,
Translation (Glossary)

◆Need to be identified prior to assessment administration
◆NOTE: ART

◆Consistent system training for staff is necessary.

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Accommodations

- Changes in procedures or materials that increase equitable access for students with IEP's or 504 plans.

◆ There must be documentation within the IEP or the 504 plan with evidence that shows a need.

◆ Need to be identified prior to assessment administration
◆ Parent/Guardian Report must be created.
◆ NOTE: ART

Embedded
American Sign Language, Braille, Closed Captioning, Text-to-speech

Non-embedded
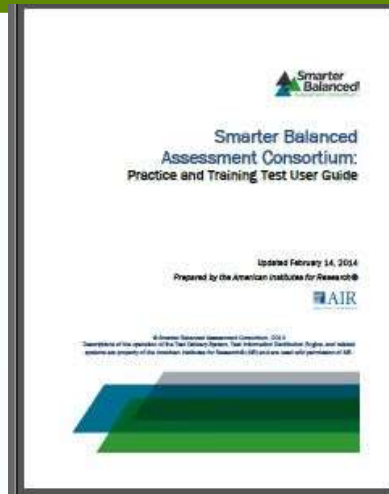Abacus, Alternate Response Options, Calculator, Multiplication Table, Print on Demand, Read Aloud, Scribe, Speech-to-text

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Virtual Tour

http//sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test

Additional Resources
for Using
Practice and Training Tests
http://www.smarterbalanced.org/practice-test/

Smarter Balanced
Assessment Consortium:
Practice and Training Test User Guide

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Sample Items and Performance Tasks

Smarter Balanced sample items illustrate the rigor and complexity of the English language arts/literacy and mathematics items and performance tasks students will encounter on the Consortium's next-generation assessments.

Resources and Support
Visit http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/ for the following resources and information:

- Calculators
- Manuals and User Guides (Under Resources and Documentation)
- Classroom Activities ((Under Resources and Documentation)
- Scoring Guides ((Under Resources and Documentation)
- Performance Task Writing Rubrics (Under Resources and Documentation)
- Frequently Asked Questions (PDF)
- Elementary Writing Factsheet (PDF) (DocX)

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Measured Progress

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